## **Session 5B:** Monitoring our Source Waters and SDWA/CWA Integration March 19, 2008

Upper Mississippi Water Quality Monitoring Network: Status and Future Joel Allen (USEPA ORD), Bill Franz (USEPA Reg. 5), Sri Panguluri (Shaw Environmental)

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U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development and Region 5 have partnered with local and state entities to develop a water quality monitoring network on the upper Mississippi river. One site has been installed and three more sites will be installed in the spring of 2008. The purpose of the network is to collect time-relevant data for use in watershed protection and utility process optimization. The growing list of partners includes Minneapolis and St. Cloud, MN water utilities, St. Cloud State University, University of Iowa, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. A brief background to this effort will be presented as well as the current status including examples of data collected. The talk will conclude with future efforts in this endeavor and summation of the strategy.

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